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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY



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TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS
WELFARE-TO-WORK 15 PERCENT SUBGRANTEES
DOL WELFARE-TO-WORK 25 PERCENT SUBGRANTEES
COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF
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COUNTY NONCUSTODIAL PARENT COORDINATORS
COUNTY CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM COORDINATORS
FAMILY SUPPORT/CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: WtW GRANT PROGRAM REGULATIONS AND TIME EXTENSION

The purpose of this information bulletin is to announce the publication of new Welfare-to Work (WtW) regulations in the Federal Register dated January 11, 2001, and enactment of a two-year extension for the WtW Grant Program. This publication includes the Final Rule for regulations initially issued on November 18, 1997, and the Interim Final Rule to implement the WtW and Child Support Amendments of 1999. These new WtW regulations are available at the Department of Labor (DOL) web site at <http://wtw.doleta.gov>.

The WtW Grant program has been granted a two-year extension as a result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 signed into law by President Clinton on December 21, 2000. All states and DOL competitive grantees will be eligible for extension of their grants upon application to the DOL. The DOL expects to publish formal guidance to States on how to apply for the extension within the next 30 days. Please note that the federal extension does not apply to the WtW Grant matching funds. Additional State Budget language is necessary to allow an extension of the expenditure time for the matching funds. Until such time that an amendment to the State Budget is obtained, the matching funds that have been allocated to counties must still be expended by June 29, 2001. However, as in the past years, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will pursue rollover authority for the existing matching funds and any match funds proposed in the Governor's Budget for Fiscal Year 2001/02 and will provide further information as it becomes available.

We will be issuing revisions to the WtW Eligibility Directive and other WtW Directives affected by the new WtW regulations, along with instructions for Workforce Investment Boards (WIB) to modify local WtW plans to incorporate these changes. We would also like to direct your attention to section 645.221 of the new regulations that contains information regarding the requirement for local WIBs and Private Industry Councils (PIC) to provide specific services through contracts or vouchers. The regulations state that WIBs and PICs which are directly providing job readiness, job placement and post employment services must conform to the requirements by February 12, 2001, and provide these services through contracts or vouchers.

If you have any questions, please contact your WtW Grant Program team consultant or the Employment Development Department WtW Section at (916) 654-7799 or Pat Loader, CDSS, WtW Program Analyst at (916) 654-1770.

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